

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as set forth below in marked-up form:

1. (Currently Amended) A slide switch comprising:  
a pole board made of a resin insert-molded with a fixed contact; and  
a movable board supporting a movable contact ~~and capable of~~for sliding the movable contact relative to the fixed contact by a predetermined contact pressure by moving along the pole board; wherein  
a metal plate is insert-molded ~~at a portion of~~in a portion of the pole board in which the fixed contact ~~of the pole board~~ is not present.
2. (Original) The slide switch according to claim 1, wherein the metal plate is integrally extended from the fixed contact.
3. (Original) The slide switch according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the metal plate is embedded in the pole board.
4. (New) The slide switch according to claim 1, wherein the metal plate is formed on a plane below that of the fixed contact.
5. (New) A slide switch comprising:  
a pole board made of a resin insert-molded with a fixed contact; and  
a movable board supporting a movable contact for sliding the movable contact relative to the fixed contact by a predetermined contact pressure by moving along the pole board; wherein  
a metal plate is insert-molded in a portion of the pole board in which the fixed contact is not present to provide uniform shrinkage throughout the pole board.
6. (New) The slide switch according to claim 5, wherein the metal plate is integrally extended from the fixed contact.

7. (New) The slide switch according to claim 5, wherein the metal plate is embedded in the pole board.

8. (New) The slide switch according to claim 5, wherein the metal plate is formed on a plane below that of the fixed contact.